

## **NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES of the meeting of Nymphsfield Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**19/104: Present:** Cllrs E Sturgess (chair), S Cowle (vice chair), A Hardy, C Pittaway, P Tomiak-Baquero, Stroud District Councillor J Dewey, Susan Black, clerk.

**19/105: Apologies:** GCC Cllr Lorraine Patrick.

**19/106: Public questions/participation:** None.

**19/107: Declarations of interest/requests for dispensations:** None.

**19/108: Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**19/109: County and district councillors' reports:**

(i) Cllr Dewey reported that more trees are going to be planted in the Stroud District Area to create woodland to help mitigate climate change. This follows the planting of 100 trees last year in Stratford Park with further trees recently planted to mark the Global Climate Strike.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October the Strategy and Resources Committee members approved a proposal to plant a woodland on 5 acres of the former Stratford Park estate on the eastern side of the A46, south of the Salmon Springs trading estate. Planting to start next year depending on funding. The Council also propose to look for other land to buy for woodland and work with partners to start a carbon offset fund to pay for it.

To find out more about the tree planting proposal, please visit

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/meetings/strategy-and-resources-committee>

(ii) Cllr Dewey also reported on a significant financial penalty that was imposed by Cheltenham Magistrates' Court on a Cam resident who was prosecuted by Stroud District Council for refusing to clear up fouling by his dog in a public place. He was fined a total of £1077.

(iii) Cllr Dewey also reported a meeting "SDC Against Plastic" hosted by Chloe Turner, Stroud District being held at the Crown, Uley at 7.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Cllr Cowle mentioned her concern at the persistently high level of dog fouling in the field adjacent to the property known as St Michael's.

## 19/110: Planning matters:

### a) Applications :

S.19/1728/HHOLD Weavers Cottage, St Bartholomew's View - Addition of a new oak framed entrance porch on front elevation and an oak framed conservatory to the rear. **NO COMMENT**

S.19/1871/LBC Weavers Cottage, St Bartholomew's View - Addition of a new oak framed entrance porch on front elevation and an oak framed conservatory to the rear. **NO COMMENT**

S.19/2086/FUL Woodchester Mansion, Woodchester Park, Nympsfield – Permission for a new visitor toilet block. **SUPPORT**

### b) Decisions:

S19/0771/FUL, Land opposite The Hawthorns The Plain, demolition of existing single storey structure and construction of 10 no dwellings for affordable provision, **called in/awaited**; Following general discussion with Cllr Dewey on the contentious nature of this application, it was agreed that the Chair will engage with John Chaplin, the Planning Officer, in order to discuss what particular housing for this site is considered appropriate in order to meet the Parish's needs.

S.18/0815/OUT (resubmission) demolition of The New Lawn Football Stadium (Forest Green Rovers FC) and re-development to provide the erection of up to 95 dwellings, **awaited**;

**19/111: P C Peter Lay Report** – following the 2 reports (dated 11<sup>th</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> September respectively) received from PC Lay, Cllr Cowle confirmed she is taking photographs of cars parked dangerously. Cllr Hardy also reports experiencing severe visibility loss due to parking across the gate and driveway of the property owned by Gerry Bowen, when children are dropped off at the school.

PC Lay, in his report of 11<sup>th</sup> September, stated that PCSO Annie Barker has been asked to take ownership of this issue by “adopting” the school and parish and the Chair requested that the clerk diarise the matter for 3 months to check when she is planning to attend the next parish council meeting.

There was then general discussion about the parish privately ordering signs requesting people not to park in certain areas because of poor visibility and inconvenience to residents.

Returning to PC Lay's report of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, which states that the parking of cars on the junction does not contravene Highway Code Rule 242. PC Lay further reported that Rule 238 enforces a “Must Not” policy whereby it is an offence to park, or wait on yellow lines (which indicate a prohibition of waiting at any time even if there are no upright signs). However, he pointed out that “no upright sign is in place to indicate a prohibition of stopping” outside the school.

PC Lay suggested approaching Highways who may suggest some additional on-street parking restrictions.

The Chair requested that the clerk contact Highways in this regard and to quote pertinent extracts from PC Lay's report in support.

The Chair also requested that the clerk respond to PC Lay', via email, thanking him for his comprehensive and helpful reports and requesting his permission to upload their content onto the Nympsfield website.

**19/112: Financial matters: a) Payments of the council** – the following list of payments was agreed following approval by council auditor Cllr Cowle , Cllr Hardy and Cllr Pittaway.

#### Invoices

J. Barber (Ionos x 6 - Oct,Nov,Dec,Jan,Feb,March)	£ 6.00
Mulberry Media	£119.63
Softlink Computer Systems Ltd (transferring website to new host/creation of new website)	£396.00
Nympsfield Village Hall (hire of main hall 15/9/19)	£ 15.00
Nympsfield Village Hall (hire of main hall 7/10/19)	£ 15.00
GAPTC (1 <sup>st</sup> training session)	£ 40.00
Nympsfield News (Sept/Oct edition)	£ 93.00
Staffing	£250.11
Nympsfield Village Hall (cleaning July, August)	£145.50
Nympsfield Village Hall (cleaning September)	£ 60.00

Payments include VAT where applicable. Nympsfield PC is able to reclaim this.

The Chair requested that the closing bank account balance be itemised in all future Payments List.

#### **19/113: Clerk's report/correspondence inc. a) War Memorial relocation; Village Green gates installation; Pot holes; Provision of kissing gates at Playing Field pedestrian entrance; Miry Brook research**

Clerk attended 1<sup>st</sup> GAPTC training on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Remaining 2 training sessions to be undertaken in October and November respectively.

**War Memorial** - <http://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1427472>

The clerk spoke to War Memorials Trust on 17<sup>th</sup> September who confirmed the war memorial is Grade II listed. They are not supportive of it being moved. They state there could be a good reason why it is sited where it is – possibly where soldiers signed up for 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

Clerk visiting local library to see if there was any information on its siting in their archives but it was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Clerk contacted local history society who suggested researching the Nailsworth Archives.

Clerk then spoke to SDC Conservation Officer on 23<sup>rd</sup> September who advised if we wanted war memorial re-sited it would involve:-

Demolition of war memorial; relocation; the Council would need to justify why it is being moved; how the move would be carried out; once moved it would lose its listed status and this would need to be reinstated under "spot" listing.

It needs to be established who owns the war memorial.

Clerk spoke to owner of site where war memorial is sited, Martin Phillips, who advised he is happy to continue hosting the site.

Clerk checked with Land Registry to see whether his title deeds have details relating to ownership but there is a charge for viewing Land Certificate.

The other suggestion is to ask the police to close the road on Remembrance Sunday.

The Chair proposed that she will check ownership at the Land Registry and asked clerk to remind her about this.

**Village Green gates installation** – it was agreed that the site needs some adjustment. The Chair therefore proposed that a site meeting be set up to establish exactly what is required and also to establish the cost.

Cllr Hardy will invite Ben (tenant farmer) and Cllr Cowle will similarly invite Adam (local stonewaller) to set up a site meeting. They will then report back to the Council advising date and time when this meeting is to take place.

Chair will then also get in touch with the people who paid for the plaque to discuss moving the plaque in light of the changes proposed to improve the site.

**Pot holes;** - the question of the pot holes identified in Tinkley Lane was raised and the Chair advised that this is an item that will be added to their ongoing Highways schedule.

**Provision of a kissing gate at the Playing Field Pedestrian entrance** – Cllr Cowle will speak to the Playing Field Committee to reiterate the safety issue concerns and advising them that this matter was raised again at the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### **Project on Miry Brook**

Rosemary McCloskey (Rural Project Officer, SDC) is looking to carry out a sustainable drainage project (also called Natural Flood Management) on Miry Brook . She wishes to tap into any local knowledge on landowners who are living next to Miry Brook(reports attached).

Cllr Cowle proposed that both reports are included in the next edition of the Nymphsfield News requesting anyone with information to contact Rosemary McCloskey direct. The clerk to let Rosemary McCloskey know of this action.

Correspondence: (can be forwarded on request)

Invitation to Annual Hospital Church Service held at Holy Trinity Church, Stroud (next to hospital) on 20<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

GRCC Creating Greener Communities Event 30<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-4.45 Stroud College, Stratford Park.

SDC report on banning of dogs from certain areas in the district.

SDC August "E" Newsletter.

GCC releases (already forwarded)

VW Camper van stolen from Dursley

Brexit briefing note from SDC.

Interested in Mental Health – performances 7&8 September.

MAIDeN presentation 30 September.

Carbon Neutral by 2030 Session 25 September.

GCC media release – help to get online.

Councils connected.

How to become a victim of ID fraud.

GCC Council support leads to reduction in youth crime

GCC release – A417 missing link.

Review of Polling districts.

GCC release – World Mental Health Day.

**19/114** - Cllr Cowle then raised the issue of Stagecoach moving the bus stop back to its original position. Cllr Cowle has been in contact with Stagecoach who advised that the bus timetable may well be changing which could have an impact on whether moving the stop will be necessary. Cllr Cowle to progress.

**19/115: Traffic matters report:** The Chair reported that her neighbour is experiencing regular damage to her property with lorries hitting the guttering etc as they pass. Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero will contact Paul Halbrow, GCC Highway Officer, to request recommendation of what would be appropriate to protect the wall.

The Chair and Cllr Tomiak-Baquero continue to collate and include highway schedule ongoing report to ensure all matters are logged in liaison and reported to Highways, as appropriate.

**19/1163: Councillors' items for future discussion:** Cllr. Hardy referred to Remembrance Sunday which is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Cowle to source recording of the "Last Post".

The Chair announced that she will be on leave for a couple of months in March and April 2020. It was suggested that the Village Spring Clean be delayed until May.

The Chair requested that the clerk to find out when the Parish elections are due to take place and advise the Chair.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

(Signed).....(Dated).....

